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TTB and Florida Authorities Conduct Joint Moonshine Operation

Washington, DC — This week, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) investigators conducted a joint operation with special agents from the Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco targeting illegal possession of stills and illegal production of distilled spirits.

The joint operation resulted in 8 arrests and seizure of 46 stills by Florida authorities.

The possession of unregistered stills and the production of distilled spirits without a Federal permit and without payment of tax are Federal felony offenses which may result in the seizure and forfeiture of land and other property associated with the illegal activity.

Persons wishing to distill spirits legally are encouraged to visit the TTB distilled spirits homepage at <http://www.ttb.gov/spirits/index.shtml> for guidance and to apply for a permit.

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